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Designating October 16, 1982, as "National Newspaper Carriers Appreciation Day".

Whereas newspapers and their availability to the citizens comprise a cornerstone of a free society and of our democracy, as affirmed under the freedom of the press clause of the first amendment to the United States Constitution;

Whereas every day more than one hundred and seven million Americans read one or more of the nine thousand three hundred and ninety-six daily, weekly, or other newspapers published in the United States;

Whereas 83 per centum of the daily newspapers printed in the United States are delivered to the homes of readers;

Whereas newspaper carriers have always played an important and vital role in the distribution of newspapers;

Whereas there are approximately one million newspaper carriers in the United States;

Whereas 90 per centum of such newspaper carriers are eighteen years of age or under; and

Whereas it is appropriate to acknowledge the too often unappreciated contribution of newspaper carriers to freedom, and to recognize their devoted efforts in delivering the paper regardless of inclement weather: Now, therefore, be it

National Newspaper Carriers Appreciation Day.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That October 16, 1982, be designated as "National Newspaper Carriers Appreciation Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate celebrations and activities.

Approved October 12, 1982.

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